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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY  
POSSESSING FIREARM AFTER FELONY CONVICTION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RICKY DUFF, 30, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for being a felon in possession of a firearm, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Indianapolis Police Department.

The indictment alleges that on April 24, 2003, DUFF illegally possessed a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver after having previously been convicted of a felony of possession of cocaine.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Susan Heckard Dowd, who is prosecuting the case for the government, DUFF faces a maximum possible prison sentence of ten years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.00. An initial hearing will be scheduled for before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis. DUFF was originally arrested on this charge on May 29, 2003 and is currently incarcerated in the Marion County Jail pending trial on this charge.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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